



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

LaVerne H. Council, MBA, DBA

Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Chief Information Officer Office of Information and Technology (OI&T)

Ms. LaVerne H. Council joined the Department of Veterans Affairs in July 2015 as the Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology (OI&T) and Chief Information Officer. In this role, Ms. Council oversees VA's \$4 billion IT budget and the day-to-day activities of over 8,000 IT employees and 8,000 contractors, to ensure that VA has the IT tools and services needed to support our Nation's Veterans.



Prior to joining VA, Ms. Council served as CEO of Council Advisory Services, LLC and Chair of the National Board of Trustees for the March of Dimes. In December 2011, she retired from Johnson & Johnson after serving as Corporate Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Johnson & Johnson's Global Information Technology group. In this capacity, she was responsible for managing information technology and related systems for the \$61.6B Johnson & Johnson worldwide enterprise. She was a member of the Corporate Global Operating Committee and her organization included more than 250 operating companies with over 4,000 information technology employees and 7,000 contractors. Ms. Council is a proven visionary senior executive with global experience in the development and execution of cutting-edge information technology and supply chain strategies in the healthcare/life sciences, consumer products and telecommunications/high-tech industries. In 2011, Ms. Council received the Alumni Business Achievement Award from Ernst & Young. *Business Trends Quarterly* named her as one of the top four CIOs in America in 2010. The New Jersey Technology Council inducted her into their CIO Hall of Fame in 2009, and the Global CIO Executive Summit named her a Top 10 Leader and Change Agent in 2009 and a Top 10 Leader and Innovator in 2008.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

2015 – Present, Assistant Secretary, Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.
2011 – Present, Chairperson of the National Board of Trustees, March of Dimes Foundation.
2012 – 2015, CEO, Council Advisory Services, LLC.
2006 – 2011, Corporate Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Johnson & Johnson.
2000 – 2006, Global Vice President for Information Technology, Global Business Solutions and Development Services, Dell, Inc.

Ms. Council was also a partner with Ernst and Young and led the company's Global Supply Chain Strategy practice. She also held leadership positions focusing on infrastructure engineering, networking, security and enterprise application interfaces.

EDUCATION:

2010, Doctorate of Business Administration, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.
1986, Master of Business Administration, Operations Management, Illinois State University, St. Normal, IL.
1983, Bachelor of Science in Business, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL.